

County News and Views

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From the Office of Fifth District Supervisor Jerry Eaves

Blake Little League Field

The Blake Little League Board of Directors informed me that the Blake Little League home baseball field was not safe to play on. This field is located adjacent to the PAL Center at 2540 Blake Street in San Bernardino. The San Bernardino County Economic and Community Development Department, the Blake Little League Board of Directors and I decided to reconstruct the field. I have allocated \$50,000 of my Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

The reconstruction effort is quite extensive. Improvements include upgrading lighting, complete restroom renovation, replacement of the deteriorated sprinkler system, new cantilevered backstop and perimeter fencing, grass in the outfield and clay in the infield, and a retaining wall between the upper and lower field. Work began on this project last month.

We need your help to protect this field.

I have been associated with Little League for over 30 years, as a parent and administrator, and I know what it means for our kids to have a home field. I would like to urge each resident to take the responsibility to keep the Blake Little League Field **Safe and Secure** from any vandalism. Please do not hesitate to turn in anyone you observe destroying our kids' baseball field.

Youth Golf Academy

Another new project is planned for the Westside of San Bernardino. A Youth Golf Academy is beginning to take shape under the creative direction of Charlie Seymour. Charlie has been very successful in developing the Adopt-A-Bike/Computer programs at 1125 Harris Street in San Bernardino. San Bernardino County Fifth District Supervisor Jerry Eaves is partnering with Charlie to bring the project to fruition.

The site is located on Ninth Street adjacent to the new Arroyo Valley High School in San Bernardino. Site work has begun. Heavy equipment has been moved to the location by E.L. Yeager Construction Company.

Supervisor Eaves is lending his services and funding to the new academy. The Youth Golf Academy is intended to provide an opportunity for boys and girls from the neighborhood surrounding the site to learn the game of golf. Many golf courses not only don't have programs for children but also in many instances simply don't allow children on the course. Developing golf skills, having a place to practice and an after school athletic program are all goals of the Academy. The Youth Golf Academy will also focus on the development of living and social skills, confidence and self-esteem.

This project is an exciting partnership, which also includes San Bernardino Mayor Judith Valles, Mr. John McGrath Director of the County Housing Authority, the E.L. Yeager Construction Company and Operating Engineers Local Union Number 12.

You will be hearing much more about this innovative program in the months to come. Should you have time, talents or resources to offer the project please contact Charlie Seymour at (909) 888-1695.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

San Bernardino Valley Humane Society Low Cost Spay and Neuter Van (Spay mobile)
February 18, 19, 20 and 21 at the Muscoy Grange, 2162 Darby Street in Muscoy
February 25, 26, 27 and 28 at the former Stater Brother at 40th and Waterman in San Bernardino
Call (909) 882-4205 for an appointment and more information.

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